

ABSTRACTAPPARATUS FOR CLASSIFYING OR DISAMBIGUATING DATA

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A computing system has a data storage device (4, 5,
5) for storing a database consisting of a classified
vocabulary of terms. A processor (1) of the apparatus is
arranged to associate each term with one of a number of
different categories of data and to associate all terms
falling within the same category with a common code
identifying a collocation of terms that exemplify that
category so that terms in different categories are
associated with different codes and can be disambiguated.
The processor (1) is arranged to write, directly or
indirectly, a classified vocabulary consisting of the
terms together with the associated code onto a computer-
readable storage medium (RDD2) or to supply an electrical
signal via, for example a MODEM (10) or a LAN/WAN (11).
The database may be used in classification of documents,
spelling checking of documents and refining of keyword
search results.